

Senate Bill 376

By: Senators Stoner of the 6th, Rogers of the 21st, Hill of the 32nd, Seay of the 34th and Reed of the 35th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to redevelopment powers, so as to require training on redevelopment powers, programs, and tax allocation districts; to provide for applicability and funding; to provide for the scope of review of proposed tax allocation districts by boards of education in determining whether to consent to the inclusion of educational ad valorem property taxes as a basis for computing tax allocation increments; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to redevelopment powers, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-44-5.1.

(a)(1) At any time after the passage of a local Act approving the exercise of redevelopment powers under this chapter and prior to the date of the public hearing on the proposed redevelopment plan, but no later than 12 months after the date of approval of the referendum required under Code Section 36-44-22, each member of the redevelopment agency, each member of the local legislative body, and each member of the affected local board of education shall attend and complete at least three hours of training on redevelopment powers and programs and tax allocation districts.

(2) Such training shall be provided by an accredited university of this state or by a nonprofit membership association, the membership of which is composed of local governing authorities of municipalities, counties, or school districts in this state.

(b) The training required under this Code section shall only be required for tax allocation districts created on or after July 1, 2008.

(c) All costs of operating and conducting the training program, if any, shall be paid from the local governing authority's public funds appropriated for such purposes."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2008.

3 **SECTION 3.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.